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BIG FLEET OF RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS CARRIES TROOPS TO INVADE BULGARIA

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915.

"COULDN'T GET WOOD BECAUSE METZ AND HIS WIFE NO SUM HAD BEEN NAMED." BANKS TELLS COMMITTEE

"Qh, Well, Bribery," Is Laugh- ONE-HALF YEAR'S SALARY ing Explanation of Right Way to "See People."

HE TURNS ON WOOD

Says That Johnson's Story of per cent, regular and 0 per cent. the \$5,000 Bribe Seems extra, making the annual dividend rate 80 per cent. on its \$3,000,000 of True to Him. capital stock.

William C. Banks, friend and con fident of Public Service Commission-Robert C. Wood, admitted on the stand before the Thompson rating Committee to-day that tributing a Christmas bonus. All emwent after" the Commissioner at ployers will receive a present of cash. signal contract for the rth Avenue tunnel was pending, "couldn't get him because no sum had been named and I couldn't make

Banks declared that the Federal Olemai Company lost the contract be- VAN CORTLANDT SKATERS cause "it didn't go after it right."

You want to send the right kind of man to see the right people," he relunteered, and when Senator Miss Catherine Walker First to that kind of business replied laugh-

well, bribery."

The outdoor skating season in and "Didn't you tell me in the other about New York opened to-day at om this morning," asked Senator Van Cortlandt Park, At 9.30 o'clock mason, "that you believed all of this morning the red ball went up Sidney Johnson's story was true?" Skiney G. Johnson testified that and a moment later Miss Catherine missioner R. C. Ward had asked street glided out upon the ice, the him for a bribe of \$5,000 to favor the first skater of the year.

Union Switch and Signal Company in the Centre Street loop contract. said it sounded true," replied

"Didn't you say it all seemed true o voti?" the chairman insisted

"It sounded true to me," said Banks "the way he described Wood's office in Exchange Piace and all that." ording to Banks, he has been on years, playing ball in the Bronx, call-

ne each other on their private tele Banks admitted having talks with

John C. Cade, Vice President of the Rederal Signal Company, who now says that Banks tried to get him to make a proposition" to Wood. "Did you send for John T. Cade?"

Counsel Lewis asked.

"Yes," said Banks. "Right after Cade got the Centre Street loop contract for the Federal Company I met him at No. 1 Day Street. I congratu lated him on getting the contract and said if he could use some of my ma terial I could supply it. He said there was no chance; the people who helped him on the bid would supply

"Cade asked me, 'Do you know that fellow, Wood? Is he hall fellow, met?' I said yes. He said, 'I wish you'd arrange for me to meet I said: "There's no need of that. Any one can meet Mr. Wood.

Go and see him yourself." "Some evenings later I met Cade at No. 1 Dev Street. I had read in the papers that the Federal Signal Company were low bidders on the Fourth Avenue Subway contract. I asked Cade 'Am I in on it?' meaning would I get some business out of the work. He said to wait till he got his contract. He said: 'By the way, you know |

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WIFE A "HOMEBODY."

Central Trust Company Shows Former Comptroller Wished Record Earnings of 80 Per Cent. to Entertain Lavishly, She The Central Trust Company to-day Disliked Society. declared a quarterly dividend of 10

wife, Mrs. Laura A. K. Metz, who 100 per cent, dividend annually on its small capitalization of \$100,000. The same roof in their home at No. 253 Central Trust Company also is dis- Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn.

dence at the Clinton Avenue home equal to 50 per cent of their annual Before the close of the year other prominent Wall Street financial institutions are expected to declare

> been there this morning, although servants said she was out of the city. A determination to remain quietly at nome and lead the "simple life" was responsible for her matrimonial friend of the former Comptroller.

Metz's friend, in telling of the "un bridgeable chasm" that brought about the divorce, enid:

"Mr. and Mrs. Mets thought they were in love with one another when they were married June 25, 1891. He is a very ambitious man. His wife Walker of No. 306 West Eightleth is of the kind called "a homebody." She likes to remain at home and sew and cook and attend to the house With skating the popular fad of Mr. Metz entered politics and he wanted his wife to go into society. the year greater crowds than ever

"There the parting of the ways be are expected. Workmen have been gan. Mr. Mets surrounded himself ditional lockers in the skating house with luxury as he began prospering in business and politics. He moved There was a good seven inches of into his fine home on Clinton Avenue ice over the lake this morning, but and tried to entertain laviably. His to be certain of its strength a team wife did not care for this sort of a out and it was expected that a large with a garden than in that huge pile States." number would be on hand this of stone and brick they called home. Things drifted along in this manner until the final breach came and she

that the Indian Lake in Crotona Park will be open to skaters to-morrow agreed to go to Reno and sue. Mr. Metz did not defend bis wife's suit. A decree was granted Nov. 19. but the news did not become public until to-day. "My wife and I simply For FREE Distribution at All World Offices and by Maili former Comptroller this afternoon. "I suppose I was to blame. I don't know

of any other reason to give." "Is it not a fact that you and she

ston?" he was asked. "Why, Mrs. Metz lives there-yes,"

"Do you not also live there?" Hotels and Boarding Places in various sections of the United States, Canada, "Say the Bermudas, Porto Rico, Cuba, the club." answered the former Comptroller. "Say that I am putting up at some

"But don't you maintain your legal residence in the Brooklyn house?" "I cannot discuss this case," said Hean Convention. That is merely for tressed Europe, New York City Mr. Metz. "Now please do not bother the purpose of driving better bar-Hotels and Restaurants, are also rep- me any more."

your wife prompted the suit," he was and beat Sherman. He was defi-told. TO THE VACATION TAKERI

THE WORLD WINTER RESORT DEPT. Call or Write for FREE Copy To-day! No. 122 Hudson Street Fair Dancer and Husband She Says Won't Be Divorced



ORMSBY M'HARG SAYS ROOSEVELT'S HAT'S IN THE RING

Ex-Campaign Manager Declares Colonel Plays Game for Republican Nomination.

"Col. Roosevelt is an eager, active candidate for President," said Ormsby of horses was driven over it. Within life. She often said she would be McHarg to-day. "He will enter stood that most of the Protestant a half hour there were twenty people happler in a little suburban home the Republican primaries of many churches throughout the city have de-

In two campaigns MoHarg was political manager for the Colonel. Now lawyer and orator.

"Col. Roosevelt has caused to be published the names of certain Re- slightly tilted on the last night of the could not get along together," said the publican candidates whom he would year or whether the town to be the be willing to support. He sets up quietest in years. these men, not because he likes them or favors them, but solely for the purpose of dividing the opposition and hour to 3.30 A. M. still live in the Clinton avenue man- having them knocked down. Hadley of Missouri, for example, the Colonel positively hates. Knox of Pennsylvanta he knows is not in the running. And as for Hughes, he realizes "Just say I live in Manhattan," that no United States Supreme Court candidate ever has been or ever can

be nominated. "The Bull Moose National Convention is to be called to meet June 7 in Chicago, the same date as the Repub-

gains.
The Colonel will enter the Manna-"A friend of yours says an 'un-bridgeable chasm' between you and bridgeable chasm' between you and He will enter the filinois primary and beat Sherman. He will defeat "Very likely," was the answer in a stream of the stress of the same and the same and the stress of the same and the stress of the same and the same and the stress of the same and the sa

FORCING MAYOR'S HAND ON NEW YEAR'S EVE LID

litchel Calls Conference of City Heads After Ministers Insist Upon Early Closing.

Literally flooded with letters from clergymen in all parts of the city, protesting against the granting of all-night fiquor ficenses on New I would have sat there and let him Year's Eve, Mayor Mitchel to-day deolded to call a conference of city officials. Police Commissioner Woods, City Chamberlain Bruere and Prestdent McAneny of the Board of Aldermen have been invited. It is undertermined to make a strong stand against the open cabaret and saloon. he has in training a new Prest. That the move of the ministers is Henry D. Estabrock of New York, strength the Mayor simitted this his mind whether the lid is to be

The Mayor has under consideration the extension of the 2 A. M. closing

GREAT WAR CREDIT VOTED BY REICHSTAG

Only Nineteen Socialists Oppose the New Loan of 10,000,-000,000 Marks.

LONDON, Dec. 21.-The Reichstag 000,000 marks, asked by the Govern- Executive Chamber here to-day. Mrs. ment, the Socialist minority of nine- Productick Burns values appealed to forfavette, sixty eight years obtait No. icen opposing the vote, according to a Governor Whitman for a Christman 12 Lafayette Street, Evergreens, were Berlin despatch forwarded by Rous Bardon for her damenter. Florence has

DENIAL OF RUMOR

"For Hundredth Time," Dancer Declares Story of Husband's Suit Is Unfounded.

DON'T YOU WAIT FOR IT!

"If You Do You'll Wait Forever," Asserts Irene of the

Bobbed Curls.

frene Castle, with bobbed hair, flapper figure, and a small simian specimen squeaking in a gray muft on her left arm (see photos in almos long enough to-day in the midet of Telegraph Company. her pre-Christmas activities to deny "for the hundredth time" that everything isn't all right between her and her light-footed husband.

"Mrs. Castle, how long are you raing to keep us all waiting for the news about your coming divorce from Vernon?" asked a reporter, having read in a Baltimore paper that Mr. Castle had requested a reporter there not to refer to "my diverce proceed-

"If you walt until you hear about Vernon and I being divorced, you'll wait forever," was the prompt reply. "I've denied it until I'm sick of seeing reporters. Of course, if you want to don't mind, but there will be no di-

mean by 'my divorce proceedings?" "He didn't say 'my' divorce proceedings. What he said to that reporter was, 'For Heaven's sake, can that stuff about divorce proceedings!' And the reporter twisted it to suit himself.

"Even if we had been contemplat ing getting a divorce, do you suppose say 'my' divorce proceedings? If there was any divorce to be had, Vernon would be sport enough to let me ge

so devoted as since this separation."

"Separation?" inquired the reporter. "Oh, now, don't get that twisted, mean since he decided to learn aviatten and go to the front. He has visited me in Washington and Baltimore and everywhere. Just now he me there for a visit before he sails.

"I am having a holiday this week and my show opens in Philadelphia common energy and effectiveness of on Christman Day. We are perfectly happy and if he gets burt over there in the war, I'll go to him and never come back. What more can I say?" Turning to Sam Burbank, a memat her door, together with her Bel-gian police dog, and the quartet

WHITMAN DENIES PARDON TO FLORENCE BURNS

ALBANY, Dec. 21 .- The coho of the

"CAN THAT DIVORCE CZAR'S SQUADRON SHELLS STUFF!" IS CASTLES" A BULGAR BLACK SEA PORT; **BIG ARMY OFF THE COAST**

Constantinople Claims British Retirement From Dardanelles Was Not Voluntary, but That Troops Were Driven to Sea in General Assault

1,000,000 MORE BRITISH TO BE CALLED TO ARMS

LONDON, Dec. 21.-Arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange

"A Russian cruiser and two destroyers," he says, "which are convoying sixteen transports filled with troops, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast and are bombarding Varna vigorously."

[The Bulgarian port of Varna is on the Black Sea a few miles south of the Rumanian border. It is a railroad terminus. This city and Burgas, fifty miles further south, are the principal Bulgarian Black Sea ports.]

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Dec. 21.-Greek gumners in Fort Karaburna, dominating Salonica, opened fire upon a French detachment that failed to halt at the sentry's call, according to despatches to-day to the Frankfurter Zeitung. The French fled.

The Greeks continue to hold the fort, the correspondent reported, in spite of repeated French requests that it be turned over to the allies. The despatches confirmed reports from English sources that the Greeks have withdrawn most of their troops from Salonica.

BUDAPEST (via Zurich), Dec. 21.—The Hungarian Parliament to-day voted to extend the limit for obligatory military service to fiftyfive years. Before the war the limit was forty-two years.

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (via wireless to Sayville).-Constantinople despatches state that the withdrawal of the British from the Anzac and Savia Bay districts of the Gallipoli Peninsula came as the result of a violent offensive on the part of the Turks, who inflicted heavy losses on the British and drove them to the sea.

FIGHT AT ALL COSTS,

Premier Says Allies Will Struggle "Until Supreme and Common Purpose Is Achieved."

is at Old Point Comfort, at the Cur- Premier Asquith referred to the meashe has in training a new Frest. That use introduced and growing in dential candidate as a dark horse— well organized and growing in the won't have to go to California for closer co-operation among the allies. it, we find. Then, when he gets it, and said it was hoped by all the namorning. He has not yet made up he is going to Philadelphia to join tions concerned that this procedure would lead to greater concentration of purpose, co-ordination of plans,

Mr. Asquith added that it was satisfactory, though not surprising, to know there was not one of the allies 'who is not as determined as ourselves to win the war and to have but to persist at all costs until our

TURN ON GAS, DIE TOGETHER. CALL FOR 1,000,000

Florence Burns case was heard in the old, of No. 35 Cooper Street, Ever- House of Commons this afternoon a

ports, the Turks began a general offensive in all sections at the Dards. nelles," eays the Overseas News ASOUITH TELLS COMMONS Agency. "The fighting was violent. The Turks began their attack Anafarta (Suvia Bay) and Ari Burnu

(Anzac). The enemy launched counter attacks at Seddul-Bahr (on the tip of the pentusula), which were repulsed. "The Turkish artillery inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The Turkish soldlers, who had waited months

for this moment, showed immense en

thusiasm. Finally the Turks defeated the enemy at Anafarta and Art Burnu. The enemy fled from the Turks at Ari Burnu and reached the The official British and French announcements of yesterday said the withdrawal of the troops was made in conformity with plans decided upon some time pre-

viously. The British statement said the withdrawal was accomplished "without the Turks being aware of the movement. It was officially stated this afternoon that their total loss was three men

MORE BRITISH PLACED BEFORE PARLIAMENT